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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Dr. Larry D. Pickens, Senior Pastor, First United Methodist Church, Elgin, Illinois, offered the following prayer:

Gracious and loving God, we enter this day sensing Your awesome presence and capacity. Give these public servants the vision, wisdom, and courage to carry out their legislative and leadership responsibilities.

We pray for the will to create "Beloved Community," where we all become brothers and sisters, working to create a world that is free from violence, hatred, and hopelessness. Grant Your Spirit upon this body, that each person realizes that he or she is an instrument of Your love and compassion.

We celebrate the architects of this Nation's Constitution, and the way in which we are gifted to merge our voices together around the concern for justice, holiness, and equity across the land.

We pray for this Nation and its people. Use each one of us to accomplish the Prophet Micah's challenge to walk, act, and love with humility, justice, and kindness.

This is our prayer. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SANDLIN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SANDLIN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment concurrent resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H. Con. Res. 388. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service

H. Con. Res. 389. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the D.C. Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 107. Concurrent resolution recognizing the significance of the 30th anniversary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship Program, and reaffirming the commitment of Congress to support the use of science in governmental decisionmaking through such program.

S. Con. Res. 108. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Tinnitus Awareness Week.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain 10 one-minutes on each side.

HONORING SISTER JEANNE O'LAUGHLIN

(Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.).

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute a dear friend who I love and who my entire community loves, Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, president of Miami's Barry University. It has been a privilege to be able to work with Sister Jeanne. It has been one of the truly wonderful things I have been able to do in Congress.

You see, Mr. Speaker, Sister Jeanne is so special, it is difficult to choose only a few words to describe her. Talent, imagination, compassion, faith, perseverance, sense of humor, devotion, integrity, charisma, success, all those realities about Sister Jeanne are evident. But the meaning of one word outweighs all others in regard to her, one word describes her best, "love."

Thank you, Jeanne O'Laughlin, for loving your family, your neighbors, your community, for loving us all. Thank you for having put your love into action in your life and with your entire life.

AN ARROGANT ADMINISTRATION

(Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I see in the morning papers that the Republicans have a problem with Senator Kerry's characterization of this administration as arrogant in its foreign policy.

Arrogance. What do you call it when they ignore their economic advisers that tell them the real cost of the war will be \$200 billion, and not a couple of billion paid for by the Iraqis?

Arrogance. What do you call it when they ignore their military advisers on the number of troops that will be necessary, not only to win the war, but to keep the peace and protect our troops from harm?

Arrogance. What do you call it when they send their troops into combat without the proper equipment to protects those troops, such as bulletproof vests and armored Humvees, and still have not done it today?

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